Sitka, Alaska
March 7th, 1941

Dear Dr. King,

I am interested in doing missionary work at St. Lawrence Island, or on the Yukon River, or at Point Barrow in order to secure first hand knowledge of the people and their customs as material for a book. Having this idea firmly fixed in mind, I am ready to pay traveling expenses and am in earnest about doing volunteer work. However, I would want to feel that I am needed at the other end of the line, as I do not desire just to be a free boarder or undesired guest. Is there an opportunity, for me?

Last summer I spent a month on the lower Kuskoquim River with a friend who lives at Bethel. Then I went to Marshall, on the lower Yukon for

two weeks. From Marshall I went up-stream the entire navigable length of the Yukon and out by way of Skagway. At Circle I met Mr. Youell and learned of his work. All along the line, I visited missions.

This trip convinced me of two things: Foremost, is the need of the Gospel in these out-lying districts. Then, the utter folly of a lone woman trying to get back-ground for a book, as I want to do, without having the protection of a strong organization.

My health is good. I can do other things than teach, as I like to cook, or nurse, or row a boat and pioneer in general. My hobby is photography, as Dr. Thorne and Mrs. Florence Hayes know.

How about it? Sincerely,

Anna Martin

Sheldon Jackson School

March 24, 1941

AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Sheldon Jackson School
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Miss Martin:

I think your generous offer ought to be accepted. I am today writing Miss Ann Bannan on St. Lawrence Island telling her about your gracious offer and asking her towrite you directly. I hope that she can use you during the summer time.

Cordially yours,

EBK:B
c.c. Miss Ann Bannan

ALASKA

Sitka, Alaska
May 13, 1941

Dear Dr. King,

A letter from Ann Banman has just arrived and she seems eager to have me come. Shall I plan to go on the first boat I can get?

Miss Banman says: "----- by fall you will know whether you wish to stay longer. ---- If you like the life and experience in St. L. Id., I plan to let you stay in one village a while and I'll go to the other, then we can exchange and in this way both villages will have a mission worker." That sounds good!

Sincerely,

Anna J Martin

Gambell, Alaska
July 21, 1941

Dear Dr. King,

I thought that you would be interested to know that I arrived on the first coast guard cutter of the season after trying for two months to get here. My connections were remarkably good, as the C.G.C. Atalanta arrived in Nome the same morning that my airplane did, and left for Gambell that same day, - the 19th. Rev. John E. Youel was in Nome waiting for the same boat, so we finished the journey together.

Yesterday two communion services were held, several babies were ~~to~~ baptized and many joined the Church. For me, it was a rededication service in which I pledged the best I have to offer to this new work that lies before me. It is a challenging field. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in a place where many do not care to come.

Sincerely,

Anna Martin

Gambell, Alaska
August 1, 1941

Dear Dr. King,

Since writing the other letter to you, ~~Dr~~ Mr. Youel, Miss Banman and I have spent a week in Savoonga. We had expected to stay only two or three days, just long enough to give communion, baptize, and take in new Church members. As it was, seven meetings of the Session were held, a full Sunday program was carried out and many calls made.

It has been decided that I shall work in Savoonga. In fact, a little one-room house that we call the manse-cabin, is being fixed up for me. We made it our head-quarters for a week and found it quite comfortable, after getting a good heater installed, one loaned to us from the school. Mr. Youel slept in the manse-cabin while Miss Banman and I were given beds in the school building.

Our services were held in a work shop, a well built building but unheated. There is great need for a church. With that need in view, we marked off a site for a future church. I wish you could see it. I have held my first service by myself with the help of an interpreter. It looks like a busy winter ahead. Since the people welcomed me cordially, I anticipate their cooperation toward a good year. Sincerely, Anna J Martin

Savoonga, Alaska
Sept. 12, 1941

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

This is my first attempt at this business of reporting day-by-day on all the work done. It seems to me that much of my time goes to those who visit me, but there is no place to record visitors. All ages come almost any time of day, either with their Bibles to have things explained, or with their other perplexities. One girl was quite concerned because she didn't know what "begat" meant!

I like my work and my little one-room house. We need a church, however, as the boat shop in which we meet is altogether too well ventilated for cold weather. The Eskimos are friendly and helpful, and I like them a lot.

Please send criticisms of this report as I want to make each report as full as I can. How is Mrs. Armstrong and the "family"? Best wishes to them and the Mandagos.

Anna Martin

Note: Please send the inclosed church plans and plot to whom it may concern the most. I thought they might well accompany my report. We have spent over a month getting the general idea without much attention to working out details to scale. A big, expensive church is not necessary but we do need some attractive place in which to worship comfortably. A. M.

Savoonga, Alaska
St. Lawrence Island
October 2, 1941

Dear Dr. King,

This is just an informal report of the work here at Savoonga to let you know that I am on the job and enjoying it.

In addition to the regular Church and Sunday School work, you may be interested to know that a Sunday School is held in the homes where there are sick people. So far, this has meant that a Bible lesson has been repeated at least three times every Sunday. An interpreter goes with me as the little folks and the older people only understand the Eskimo language. Besides the regular prayer meeting on Wednesdays, the women meet for cottage prayer meetings every week and both men and women hold prayer services after the main Church service every Sunday, each group separately.

We have two clubs under way now and expect to organize a C.E. this coming Sunday. One club has met five times ~~now~~ just to study hymns. Each girl brings her hymn book and we study the words as well as the music itself. The woman's club just got under way this week. We shall take up different subjects, starting with the one of most interest to them, which concerns babies ofcourse. Later, I expect to put the emphasis upon health problems of one sort or another. Once a month we may have just a social time instead of this more serious subject matter.

So far we have been meeting in the big unheated boat shop down on the beach. Two of the chimneys of the school building are cracked so there has been danger of causing fires if the up-stairs quarters were used for Church. They will be fixed soon, however. Sincerely;

Anna Martin

November 26, 1941

AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Savoonga, Alasaa

Dear Miss Martin:

Mr. Armstrong has sent on to me your drawings for the proposed building at Savoonga. I think you have presented some very fine workable plans. However, due to the conditions that exist in our National Defense Program it would be almost impossible to consider a building program for the year 1942. With the experience that we have gone through in the building of the Princeton-Hall we know very definitely that to attempt such a project at Savoonga while the National Defense Program is in force would be a constant headache and in the end, no doubt, we would not have what we planned for. I am sorry but there seems to be no other alternative.

I always appreciate your good newsy letters and the only difficulty is that we are not receiving enough of them.

I rejoice in all the good reports that I am receiving about you and your splendid contribution to the spiritual life of our Eskimos in Savoonga.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

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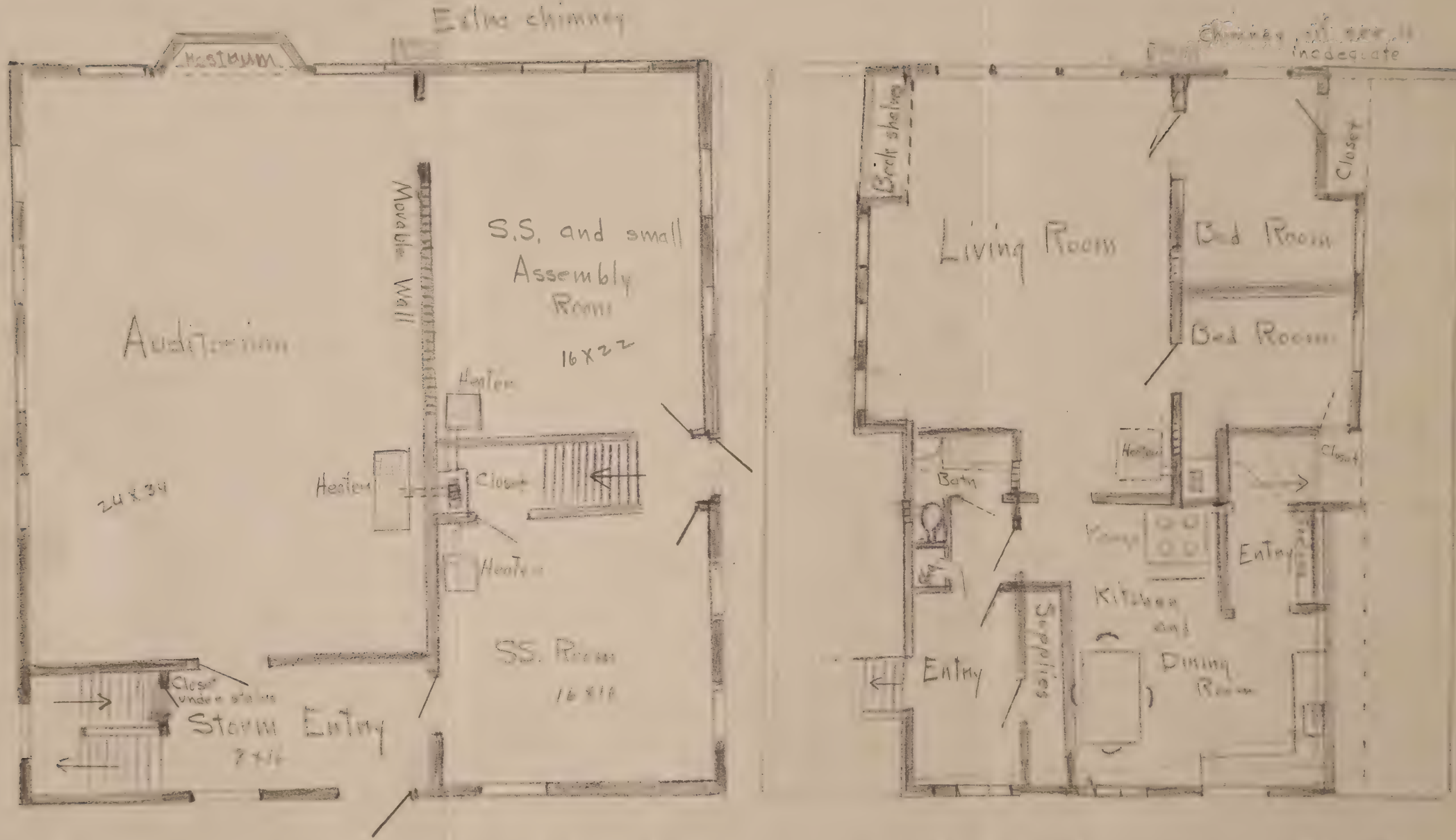
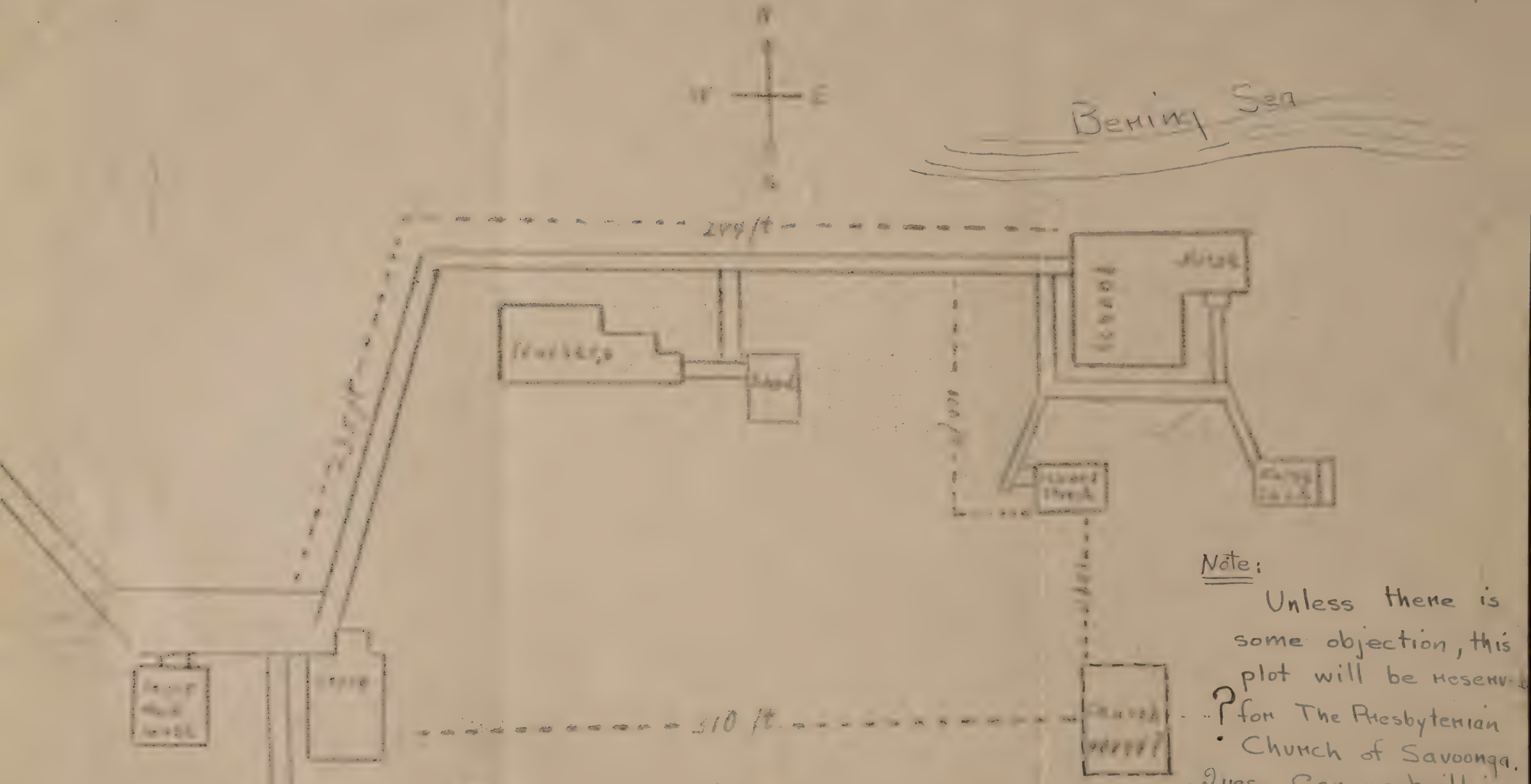
Second Floor



Suggested plan for the proposed new church for Davoonga. Both Mr. Youel and Miss Banman have made suggestions for these plans. Four of the leading church members of Davoonga have approved these. It is planned for a cold weather country, (small, compact, easy to heat). Submitted by Clarence Willetts

Proposed Location of Savoonga Church
at Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska



Note:
Unless there is some objection, this plot will be reserved for The Presbyterian Church of Savoonga.
Ques.- Can we build in 1941 ?

The above plot represents the most desirable location for the Savoonga Church:

Missionary: Anna Martin

Ruling Elder Albert Kiokun

Village Council Albert Kiokun

Teacher: Howard Tamerow

Gambell, Alaska
Jan. 15, 1942

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Miss Bannon & I have been waiting for record blanks in order to send in reports. I asked her whether to try ruling & printing out a copy of the regular blanks but Miss Bannon said just to wait, as the next mail would surely bring what we needed. Anyhow, I've kept account of our doings and will get off reports as soon as possible once the papers come.

Our elders met and at my suggestion decided to take their World-Day-of-Prayer offering early while the trappers were back in Savoonga for Christmas week. Now I'm afraid that the Board will get things twisted but have risked sending on the check with a plain statement concerning the early contribution. We have had mail just once in the last four months! If that is repeated, now is none too early to get the offering sent. We had $70.00 which more than doubled last year's $32.00, so I guess we were justified in our decision to act early.

My latest venture at Davoonga is a Men's Bible Class. We have sixteen in regular attendance and they seem very much in earnest. Our study right now includes the "Sermon on the Mount" as outlined in a little book of that name.

You may have noticed that this is mailed from Gambell. I came here this week Tuesday upon hearing that Miss Bannon was sick with a heart attack. The nurse is at Davoonga and she advised that I come and make Miss B. rest for a month or more. The first day that I was here my patient did so much to prove that she did not need me that she got to feeling worse by evening. Now she is feeling pretty good as long as she is quiet. I figure that my first duty is to her, as my work in Davoonga could be left with good interpreters who were willing to do extra for Miss Bannon's sake.

The dog team ride over was a great experience for me as I came with the best team in the village on a perfect day.

Sincerely

Anna Martin

Davoonga, Alaska
Mar. 6, 1942

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

This report is over-due because I not having any blanks. Miss Bannon gave me a few like the original sheets but the ~~ones~~ ones sent in recently are an old type that she thinks will not be acceptable. Shall we use the old forms or delay again in our reports?

I am not sending in any report for ~~February March~~ January-February because ... that I did then will go on the Gambell records, I suppose. It has quite an experience to manage the community House program, and act as nurse. Very little visiting was done, so I had to stay on the job pretty closely. Of course, the regular work went on all right.

Today I returned to Davoonga as the government nurse is now in Gambell and I'm keep close watch over Miss Bannon. The nurse considers Miss Bannon's condition serious. It has been a combination of heart trouble, bronchitis, influenza, and cystitis on top of a run-down condition. However, she is better, now, though not strong.

Sincerely, Anna Martin

MAIL—January—April—July—October to Everett B. King, Secretary Unit of Work in Alaska

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Anna Martin, St. Lawrence Island

Church Savoonga, Alaska

Date April 13, 1942

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Mr. King,

Perhaps you would be interested in a report of Easter Sunday services in Savoonga. To me, it was an interesting day and a good one in spite of the weather, as a young blizzard was trying to make us forget spring.

All except the very youngest children braved the strong wind and the deep snow drifts in order to get to Sunday School. Those under twelve years of age still need an interpreter as their English is too sketchy to understand the Bible stories without that extra help. My interpreter and I were fortunate in having several large pictures relating to the Easter season, so we used the pictures as the basis for our talk after the opening service of song and worship. We had a surprise for every one after the benediction. Each child got a little nest of candy Easter eggs sent in by Presbyterian givers in the States to Miss Cannon. The Campbell mission has shared fifty-fifty in all that it has received giving half of their missionary box gifts to us. We would like to thank all who are concerned in this thoughtfulness.

After Sunday School my interpreter and I went to a home where sickness has kept a young girl in bed nearly a year. After a short lesson and prayer the young patient surprised me by putting a little match box in my hand, saying, "This is an Easter surprise!" Within the neatly wrapped box was an old ivory ring carved by one of the members of her family. It was a very pleasant surprise, all right.

Christian Endeavor comes at one o'clock so there is not much of a breathing spell before [illegible] we go to church again. It is just an unfinished room, up stairs in the school house, but we have fixed it up to look quite pleasant and fairly comfortable with ~~home made~~ benches made out of crude lumber. Instead of a regular lesson we had a song service, practicing Easter hymns for the Church service which followed at two o'clock. With the school teacher to play the organ for us, we sang the best we could and enjoyed both services in a happy

fashion.

Immediately following Church the woman's Bible Class always meets at the manse. We had a good copy of the picture called "The First Easter", by Copping. This was used along with our Bible lesson, making the part that the women played that first, dramatic resurrection day more vivid. By seven o'clock the little "manse-cabin" as Mr. Wood named my house, was ready for the Men's Bible Class. Each one brought his Bible and again we followed the Easter story. That made the fourth lesson for me but it took a different reference each time so had the story as told by all four of the gospel writers.

To end up the day, I went over to the home of the school teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, to get the news from Gamwell. We had been getting rumors about Miss Rannie leaving for Fairbanks on the next airplane so I was anxious to get more details. Radio phone reception was so poor that we could hear practically nothing, so a pleasant evening was spent talking with these two friends the only other "whites" in town.

Coming back rather late there was still enough light to see the way, or rather the dogs in the way. Much to my humiliation, I have to carry a heavy "cane" which is nothing but a knotty driftwood stick about the size and shape of a base ball bat. This is not because I'm lame, for that is not the case at all. It is to scare off the hungry dogs that follow at heels too close for comfort. There were six snow-shoe dogs right in front of my door way. Waving my precious clubbing club, or cane, as I like to call it, I bluffed my way past these gaunt looking creatures back to the warmth of my little one-room cabin. Fortunately was able to secure some good Easter music over the radio. At last I could relax with an interesting book, (Calico Bush, by Rachael Field,) and get in a good mood for slumber. I had nearly finished the book when, just as I was reading "Dennis in the cove!" I heard a wild scramble over-head. The noise I heard was dogs on the roof, seeking nice warm bed by my chimney. Snow-drifts here are roof high now, even if it is spring. I only felt a little more thankful for that roof and a warm fire in the big old range. Yes, it was, indeed, a thrilling memorable Easter. Grace Maddin

MAIL—January—April—July—October to Everett B. King, Secretary Unit of Work in Alaska

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Anna Martin, St. Lawrence Island

Church Savoonga, Alaska

Date Jan. 17, 1942

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr. King,

The only reason that I have not sent a "quarterly news letter" before is that today is the first time I ever saw one of these blanks or heard of it. I did wonder whether or not my "salary letter" was about due as this is the time of year we used to cudgel our brains for the edification of the cause back in Sitka.

Right now I'm in Gambell as we got word by radio phone that Miss Bannon was sick. The nurse ~~Nurse~~ had just recently to returned to her post in Savoonga where she was really needed so it was decided that I should give up my duties there and see if I could persuade Miss Bannon to rest long enough to regain her health completely. Resting is not "her line", but she is trying her best to ~~set up a but~~ and is already much improved after only a week's rest.

To get here I had to travel by dog team and was fortunate enough to secure the best team and driver in the village. The nurse loaned me her arctic duds, - a whole outfit guaranteed to keep even a tender-foot warm. We traveled in fair weather with the snow just right for good sledding but rather hard for the feet of our dogs. I traveled in state on a good sled equipped with a comfortable back and a side "kattick" made of leather strips made of walrus-hide and also with a zipper covering that completely shut out the wind. Over low foothills, through mountain passes, across frozen lakes and lagoons and tundra we sped at about nine miles an hour. Overhead there was either a lovely ~~sunset or sunrise~~ or a gorgeous sunset, one merging gradually into the other, until finally it got dark and the wind howled about us in rather a vicious fashion for the last hour. This wind kept the sled at right angles to our course wherever the trail was smooth which was a good share of that last lap. With Gambell in the oblivion of a complete black-out, I thought it a wonder that we arrived without missing the way. It was a great experience

Miss Taylor —

During the Christmas holidays so many men came back from their winter camp that the elders decided to take the World-Day-of-Prayer offering early with the hope of getting a larger collection than last year. We more than doubled last year's contribution of $32.00 by getting a total of $70.00. I am sending it in by registered mail to the Home Missions Council of North America, by this airplane expected in January. I hope no confusion will result from this early donation as I would even be in Darrowga on February 20th, if Miss Bannon still needs me!!

Anyhow, I couldn't go back now as the teams equal to that fifty-mile trip are in constant use in the fox trapping industry. Early in March, the same driver that brought me intends to come for me so I can return in as fine style as I arrived, if all goes well. Needless to say, I shall miss my work at Darrowga, which I enjoy thoroughly; nevertheless I am learning important things under Miss Bannon's direct supervision right now.

One, perhaps minor thing, is learning how to bank a kitchen range so that fires & kindling are not needed in the morning. With both of those items at a premium, I'm convinced that it is one of the finest art at least a very practical one, well worth mastering. In my cosy little house in Darrowga the one stove is a good old-fashioned kitchen range that serves the double purpose of cooking meals and of keeping the place warm.

We have quite a full program at the Darrowga Church now. The latest addition is a Men's Bible Class that meets from seven to eight o'clock Sunday evenings. We are studying "The Sermon on the Mount" following Bossert & that name and getting real value out of it.

Christmas was a busy, happy time. Everybody got some nice gift out of Hamilton boxes which had been sent to Gambell and then on to us as the two branches of the work here on St. Lawrence Island share and share alike. It would be fun to have some boxes come direct to Darrowga this next year, as I would love to unpack a box intended for my very own group. Like as not however we shall be lucky if we even get the necessities for next year, as the situation looks now. Our morale is good and courage is high and faith in the goodness of God still intact.

Sincerely,

Anna Martin

Savoonga, Alaska
April 27th, 1942

Dear Miss Bannon,

I received Mr. Bingle's radiogram saying that your condition was good and that you would probably go east. That probably means that you will be coming back before the summer is over. We are all hoping that it works out that way. Now what I am wondering is whether east means New York or Wisconsin. If the latter, try to take in Antigo and say "hello" to any of the old-timers. Caleb Chapman's wife is my cousin on my mother's side. It would never do for you to go anywhere near them and not look them up. Try to convince them that I am not living on blubber or freezing to death or "going native" on a wholesale scale. Whatever you do, get rested and have a good time in so doing. You might eat some fresh strawberries and whipped cow's cream with an extra serving for me. When I read Mr. Bingle's message in Church Sunday faces lighted up with pleasure especially when they heard that you were all right. We are very thankful for that.

The Cameron's and I came over last Wednesday with Clarence, Edward, and Jimmy. Bobby brought my extra baggage including the radio. The dog-teams stayed together pretty well making a pleasant trip of it as we passed and re-passed each other. Mr. Cameron was like a happy little fat boy on a holiday. Every time our teams passed he would say: "Why haven't we done this before! Believe me, we'll sure do it again." It was their first ride and as the day was warm, not windy, but just exactly right for sledding they had a pleasant initiation. Mrs. Cameron got cold before we got to Tim Carew's place but as she did not have long underwear or regulation duds it was to be expected. It was lucky for her that the day was mild. Mr. Cameron's face got an extra dose of sun-burn; but that too was not at all queer since he shaved just before starting and had no fur ruff about his tender cheeks.

Mr. Daugherty had told us over the radio that there would be a turkey dinner waiting for us as one of the army men in Nome had sent a big bird in gratitude for their hospitality in Daugherty's home while here on a forced stay. Well, after getting cleaned up, I went over to the Daugherty's about six o'clock expecting to have dinner there. Miss Leake had told me that she was baking potatoes and to be sure to come by six. But, she was not there with the rest of us and Mrs. Cameron whispered to me: "Where is Miss Leake?" I whispered back that she was baking the potatoes and that maybe they were not done yet. Half an hour later Mrs. D. Called me out into the hall and said that Miss Leake was waiting for me. I felt rather foolish when I learned that the big feed was to be the next night. Miss Leake's spuds were more than done but the supper we had together was very nice in spite of that. Thursday we had the turkey dinner and my share was to contribute Parker House rolls. They turned out pretty good and got baked just in time to be piping hot at six o'clock. Miss Leake was chief cook as she baked the bird,-- a perfect job she did. If you had been there, all would have been quite jolly. As the meal progressed our spirits rose, however; and before the evening was over we were in high spirits. Mrs. Daugherty told all the funny things that Harriet has done to win fame in the line of boners. We laughed until the tears came, that is we women folk did while the men made remarks about the "hen party" that had gone into a huddle on the davenport.

The house here looked spic-and-span when I arrived. I only hope that I can have it in as good shape when you return. Sunday the services were as usual. The Christian Endeavorers nominated officers for election next Sunday. President: Ora; First Vice Pres: Dorcas; Second Vice Pres: Herbert; Third Vice Pres: Doris; Secretary: Gracie; Treasurer: Conrad; Organist: Adelinda; Sergeant-at-Arms; Howard. As far as I can tell, this seems to be a pretty good line-up. We divided the C. E. into two groups with a captain for each to facilitate socials and a little competition in Bible study and drills. Pray that we put the emphasis upon right things as I don't want to spoil your good work by too much social and not enough spiritual

Chapmans: 1212 N. Clermont St. Antigo Wis.
I received this Christmas 1942! Sure needed it.
Thanks for the nice stationery you sent me.

I had a major calamity at Davoonga just before leaving: I cracked my one and only mixing bowl! If any one wants to donate anything for the mission there, in the line of household equipment, I would suggest: mixing bowl, double boiler, can opener (of type you have here at Gambell), dust mop and rag rug.

Dr. King wrote that I could stay on in Davoonga, - it is all up to me. Could you find out if that means I'm to be there on a salary basis? I'm afraid another year of volunteer work right now would take better management than is mine to muster. You may remember that my financial business is in a mess right now. Letters came last mail to state that matters are being straightened out but no interest has come in since May 1941. So, you see!!

The trustees have just finished shoveling out the snow from the corner by the kitchen windows. There was a meeting of all ~~three~~ officers yesterday. Not much business was transacted but a whole hour of talk.

A. M.

MISS ANNA MARTIN

SAVOONGA, ALASKA

May 28, 1942

Dear Dr. King,

The heading of this paper, that Miss Bannon gave me for Christmas, says Savoonga; but I am in Gambell all right. The sketch, by the way, was done by our Eskimo artist however Florence Nupok. It is only once in ten years or so that a polar bear comes to St. Lawrence Island, by way of drifted ice brought in by continuous north winds. So much for art!

You asked me to make a statement concerning Miss Bannon's health. I am in no position to do that as I have not seen her since February and she has had time to improve a lot since then. Mr. Bright and Mr. Armstrong have been with her more recently, so their observations would count more than mine. A physician's statement is what you really need. We want her back.

MISS ANNA MARTIN Gambell, ~~SAVOONGA~~, ALASKA

Concerning my return for next year, I think I have already stated my willingness to stay on with the work. Nevertheless, it would be hard on my purse strings to continue as a volunteer worker. By a wild stretch of the imagination, maybe that could be done rather than let the mission work here die out, especially if worse comes to worse and Miss Bannon does not return. War scare would be a poor excuse to quit, for as Julius Caesar says, "The valiant only taste of death but once!" Then, to make another fine-sounding quotation, "..... Let me taste the whole of it,
I care like my peers, the heroes of old...."
To be practical, however, it all depends on the food and coal supply getting through. There is nothing of the martyr in my make-up; and, Eskimo grub is too rare for me. (Too much taste to the whole of it!) My food and coal list went in with that of Miss Bannon's, last February or March.

I'll need the prayers of good Presbyterians and all friends of the work, more than ever. Sincerely,
Anna Martin

May 26, 1942

AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Gambell, Alaska

Dear Miss Martin:

Miss Bannan has passed on to me your letter addressed to her dated April 27th and on the back of the letter you raise the question about remaining in Savoonga for another year.

I realize quite well that it is not fair to ask any one to stay on in such a place without some remuneration. Personally, nothering would please me more then to be in a position to offer you at least a small salary in order to encourage you to remain on the island. However, when I tell you what has happendd I think you will understand my position.

Beginning October 1st our Board of National Missions will operate with a $75,000 cut in budget. This means, of course, that we will do well to carry on with our going work. It is not possible to take on any additional workers. In the light of these facts, I repeat I could not ask you to remain. However, if you find in your heart that you can then the Board will want to provide the Maintenance for you.

From all reports that have come to me from the island about you and your work the natives have rallied to your leadership and our bearing testimony to your Christian leadership. Mr. Bingle returned and gave a glowing account of your devotion as well as your fine service.

I saw Miss Bannan for a little while in Milwaukee at the meeting of General Assembly. She looks well and states that the doctors have given her the assurance that she does not have any organic trouble. It is certainly fine to have you to carry on while Miss Bannan is away.

My prayers are with you constantly and we trust that the Lord will lead you in your decision for another year.

Cordially yours

EBK:McE

MISS ANNA MARTIN

Gambell, June 11, '42
~~SAVOONGA~~, ALASKA

Dear Dr. King, -

Your letter dated May 20th, got here June 10th. I think I have already answered your question in letters now on the way. However, just to make sure that my decision still stands, be it known that I am willing to remain another year. The one proviso is that food and fuel get through. I can make out with no salary for another year. This work is too important to leave to the S.P.A.-ers to step in and occupy.

One thing that bothers me is not being in the ~~too~~ Year Book of

Prayer for Missions. There are two reasons why I think even your volunteer workers should be listed, neither reason being a vain glorious one. First, and fore-most, I need the prayers of all good Presbyterians. Secondly, that little book has served more than one missionary as a badge of identification in Railroad offices, steamship companies, banks, etc. So, why not put your volunteers where they can benefit in such a good way all around? This is just a suggestion.

If food & fuel can't get through, don't worry about me. I have a good job waiting at Seward General Hospital with urgent requests nearly every mail.

Yours truly, Anna Martin

Fairbanks, Alaska
July 4th, 1942

Dear Dr. King, -

I left Tambell on June 30th with three teachers, the nurse and a little boy. No one asked us if we wanted to leave but free transportation was furnished! On July 2nd, I arrived by airplane in Fairbanks where Mr. Bingle, Mr. Armstrong and I have now a chance to talk and to plan for the work of the island.

We seem to agree that nothing short of actual loss of the island itself should stop the work. I have agreed to get a job in Seward, where I have many friends, and work there for three months. Military authorities will let us know by then, we believe, whether or not women can return. If I work as a volunteer again why can't Miss Bannon return too? She is needed more than I. The Seventh Day Adventists will get in if we don't keep up the work; they may any way. Send a man if we are not allowed to return, it might be better any how. Sincerely, Anna Martin

August 19, 1942

AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
c/o Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Miss Martin:

While I was away in New Mexico for six weeks many things happened. Among the many things was the evacuation of St. Lawrence Island. Of course, I was deeply disturbed to receive this information but it was not anything that could be helped.

I am very glad that you have selected to stay in Seward for a few months to see what the future will bring. Our plans had already been perfected to keep you on St. Lawrence Island as a fulltime worker with a salary from the Board. If and when conditions justify it I feel certain that we can start in with the new arrangement.

I shall appreciate it, therefore, if you will keep me informed about your activities.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

Seward, Alaska
Oct. 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I have just been re-reading some of Miss Bannon's letter to see if I could get some of the information you wanted. A post-script to a letter written August 4th is starred for your attention on the slip I'm inclosing. The food on hand when I left was bought by Miss Bannon herself so she had a right to tell Frank Daugherty to either use it or sell it. That which I had paid for myself was given to the sick folks in Savoonga. According to these facts we can't count on much food being left at either place!

The coal I used at Savoonga I had to pay for myself. The ~~town~~ village was short of coal, practically out of it,

in June. The house rent was paid by Miss Bannon until she left, with enough funds on hand to the mission credit to pay through June. I paid the rent for this Davoonga house after that for July and August with instructions to draw from my account at the Davoonga store for September. They were to let me know how my credit stood by the end of September. So far, I've heard nothing. I used nine tons of coal, at least that was what Miss Bannon said she ordered for me. It was brought from the store in sacks as it was needed.

On Gambell the fuel oil came in big drums. In cold weather it took nearly two drums a month for

the three big heaters used in living room, church auditorium and the A.S. or club room. The kitchen range heats the kitchen, dining room nook, and passes heat through a register for the bed room up-stairs, besides doing its baking and cooking work, and heating the water tank.

Since the New York office cancelled one food and fuel order after another (three in all) during the shipping season, how can they expect to get an order through now? Just this week a long-shoreman on the dock here told me that a boat scheduled for Nome and points north had to cancel their trip because of ice and weather conditions. Last year, the last boat came in September.

Therefore, your idea of sending me now seems altogether unfeasible from every stand-point. The only way now is to wait until spring and pray that the staunch Church members remain faithful.

A letter from Dr. King, dated Aug. 19th, makes this statement: "If and when conditions justify it I feel certain we can start in with the new arrangement." He refers to sending me back on salary. A letter from Phylis McEwen to Miss Bannon says: "I'm sorry Miss Martin did not write air mail to us directly from Fairbanks". I did write as you and Mr. Bingle know, for you both read the letter the last Sunday I was there.

These are the hard, cold facts. Yours

Anna Martin

Seward, Alaska
Nov. 1st, 1942

Dear Dr. King,

Your last letter advised me to keep you informed concerning my activities. Since the first week in July I have been running a little power laundry for the Seward General Hospital. I agreed to stay until a regular laundry worker could be obtained. Now it looks as though I have a life job, although efforts are being made to get some one else. I hope by January 1st to be freed from soap suds and such, although I rather like the job after all.

Mr. Bingle telegraphed the following message to me on October thirteenth: "If permit given would you consider taking

responsibility under present conditions going St. Lawrence Island on same pay basis as Bannon last year for period of at least six months? ....." Knowing that there was barely food for three months and that Miss Bannon intended to sell that to the store, and ~~for~~ probably had done so, I said: No. Knowing also that there was very little fuel, I felt further justified in my decision.

A few days later a long distance telephone call came from Mr. Bingle saying that food could get there by plane and asking if three tons of coal would be enough. I doubted very much that food could be sent by plane at a cost within the range of Miss Bannon's former salary or at any price. It takes much more than three tons of coal also ten or more drums of oil to run the mission.

Common sense bade me say No; but I do not feel happy about it. My heart is still in the work. Sincerely, Anna Martin

November 11, 1942

Miss A. Martin
Seward, Alaska

Dear Miss Martin:

Thank you for your note of November 1. I am sorry that plans are not working out so that you and Miss Bannon can return to St. Lawrence Island.

I appreciate fully with you in the problems that you face as outlined in your letter. It would be foolish for you to go back to the Island with no prospects of food and fuel; two of the most necessary items. Perhaps the way will open soon so that we can begin again the work that has been so wonderfully carried through these many years.

Cordially yours,

Everett E. King

EEK:EP

Palmer, Alaska

May 24th, 1943

Dear Dr. King,

I have been in Palmer since May 4th, working in the United Protestant Church, as you probably know through Mr. Armstrong or Mr. Bingle. The work here really needs a preacher and his wife. However, I shall be glad to do what I can until some other plan can be worked out.

At Mr. Bingle's request, I have madeout an order for a year's supply of food for my use in Savoonga. He is convinced that by September at least there will be an opportunity to return to the Island. I missed Miss Bannon's advice on amounts of foods to order but had expert advice for the task from the young woman who represents the extension division of the University of Alaska.

It would simplify things considerably for me if I knew just which Presbyterian preacher has the chief say in my future plans regarding my return to Savoonga. Once I was told the Rev. Champlin of Fairbanks would be responsible for my activities, but I have not heard from him at all. As far as I can make out, the authority is divided between Mr. Bingle and Mr. Armstrong. To whom shall I send reports and through whom will the final orders come to go or not to go back to St. Lawrence?

The little house in Savoonga was in need of repairs when I left, but it is in worse condition now, no doubt. It had been papered with ordinary wrapping paper which was all right until it wrinkled and tore and refused smooth patching. It needs Celotex, or some other kind of wall board, linoleum and at last observation two window panes 10 by 14 inches, and shingles for patching roof.

Sincerely;

Anna J Martin

Box 235.
Palmer, Alaska
May 29, '43

Dear Dr. King

I made a quick trip into Anchorage this week to see Mr. Armstrong. He advised me to write to you about my salary and maintainence.

No doubt it would be a good thing for me to have a statement concerning my status, financial and otherwise, direct from headquarters. The thing that is most confusing to me, however, is: Who is my Alaskan supervisor?

I hope that Mr. Armstrong can get to Savoonga this summer.

Sincerely,
Anna Martin

Important:

When I sent my list of supplies last week I did not mention coal or fuel oil.

Davoonga mission will need about 12 tons of coal.

Gambell uses much more in the community house, besides burning fuel oil for three heaters. I do not know how many drums or what quality. Miss Bannon would know.

A. M.

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Of (Miss) Anna Martin Sunday School Missionary

Palmer, Alaska Date May 4th - 31st 1943

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Dear Dr. King,

My first month at Palmer has been full of "special work --- for which adequate space is not provided ----" Hence this informal report, instead of the regular work and statistics reports.

House-cleaning was quite a task the first week since it included getting the manse ready for renters, preparing the kitchen unit of the Church as an apartment for me, and also took in a cleaning job out at the summer camp at King's Lake. During this spree of house work I got acquainted with some of the stalwart members of the Ladies Aid and with both the University Extension worker and the government nurse who are interested in the camp.

Next came cleaning the yard outside the church premises and planting flowers all about the building. Since not much of this had been done since Mrs. Bing left Palmer, the soil needed the vigorous use of a mattock before spading, raking, and actual sowing of the seeds. This was hard, dirty work but thoroughly worth while, I think.

One of the neighbors has given me a section of his vegetable garden for private use. With man power at a premium I used time, that I suppose could have been applied to other purposes, over garden tools, fertilizers & seeds. Every one else was gardening anyway, too busy for callers.

However, I have called at the Evans-Jones and Eska mines, — only to learn that practically all families have left since the government is using soldiers for the work. Therefore, no more Sunday School up there! Fifteen other calls were made, not counting two or three repeats at certain farms. Calling in a farm area with no car is a little rough on shoes and heels but the people are a whole-hearted, friendly lot, easy to like.

Baccalaureate Sunday, when Mr. Armstrong preached for us, 92 persons attended. Average attendance in May, not counting this

special service was 34. The ~~ages~~ average collection in May was $17.46.

The Christian Endeavorers meet every other week. On May 16th the Anchorage group met with our C.E. Unit for an afternoon at King's Lake; then for a worship service here in the Church. The Palmer group agreed that the Anchorage C.E. showed us how a first rate worship service should proceed and what it could accomplish in the way of sharing Christian experience. There were 37 present at this joint meeting. Most of our own young people are working in Anchorage or other places. We will count on 6 or 8 faithfuls all summer and work to bring others to our meetings.

Sunday School attendance in May averaged 12; and the collections averaged $1.15. Our chief difficulty seems to be to get regular teachers. The spirit of fellowship among those who do attend is good, however.

Next month I shall present a formal report.

Sincerely,

Anna Martin

June 9, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Box 253
Palmer, Alaska

Dear Miss Martin:

Enclosed I am sending you a check for $100.00 which represents your salary for the month of May. The treasurer will be instructed to send your check regularly each month. Of course, I shall want vouchers and reports from you. We will not wait in the treasurer's office to receive your vouchers before forwarding your checks, but we will need the vouchers so please be sure that you send them in with your monthly reports regularly.

Under separate cover I am mailing you some Alaskan report blanks and vouchers. You raise the question in your letter about the person to whom you would be responsible for activities. The answer is that you will be responsible to Rev. Mr. N. H. Champlin at Fairbanks, Alaska, after you are located on the Island. Rev. Rolland R. Armstrong would carry out the details relative to St. Lawrence Island, even though a new chairman of National Missions was elected, so until you find yourself on the Island, you may look to Rev. Armstrong as the one who is responsible for directing your activities. After your arrival on the Island, as I said before, Rev. Champlin will be responsible, and you will, of course, send your reports to him after you are there.

I do not know what to say about the needs that you spoke of for your house in Savoonga. My guess is that the chance will be better for you to secure this material on the Island itself through Government sources, rather than for us to try to send it up from Seattle. You have my permission to secure what material you need and then you can send me the bill for the same.

I shall appreciate it if you will keep me informed about yourself.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk
Dictated but not signed by
Dr. King.
enc.-check $100.00

June 15, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Box 253
Palmer, Alaska

Dear Miss Martin:

I have your letter of May 29, and am air mailing the request for 12 tons of coal for the Savoonga Mission, to Seattle. I trust that there will be no difficulty in having this order filled. I am also requesting that the same amount of coal be sent to Gambell as was made in the last order, and also the same amount of fuel oil.

I have already written to you relative to your relationship in Alaska. For the time being and until you arrive on the Island, you will look to Rev. Armstrong for instructions. After your arrival you will work through the National Missions Committee Chairman, Rev. N. H. Champlin.

At the present time we have you under the regular Alaskan work and have set aside a salary of $100.00 a month for you. It is our hope that when you arrive on St. Lawrence Island that we can transfer you to the Church and Camp Activities Committee under the War-Time Service Commission.

We have not set aside any definite amount as yet for maintenance, but we shall try to work with you on a reasonable figure. The Board of National Missions pays for all freight charges on all shipments made to you. Also the Board pays for all equipment that is necessary in the mission field. You are to be responsible for your personal items such as food, clothing, etc. It has been our policy to get a total of the personal items of the missionaries and then to deduct that amount regularly from the monthly checks until the full amount has been paid.

I hope that you will send me a wire notifying me the time that you leave Palmer to go to St. Lawrence Island.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

CC: Rev. Armstrong

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JAN 17 1944

Of (Miss) Anna Martin Sunday School Missionary

Note: Please send me a World Book of Prayer, q.m.

Date Oct. 15, 1943

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Gambell, Alaska

Rev. N. Harry Champlin
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Champlin,

Although I arrived on St. Lawrence Island October fifth, I have not yet reached my destination! Savoonga seems quite a long distance away due to wind storms, fog, or snow. However, if it keeps on snowing the way it is coming down right now, there may be sledding before many more weeks. Then the problem will be to get food supplies to Savoonga, as everything in that line was dumped off here. The coal was taken to Boxer Bay down near South-west Cape. Perhaps I had better explain why.

Esther Ipalook, her five children, and I left Home about midnight on the fifth and were a couple of miles off of the Savoonga shores the following afternoon. It was too stormy to land, so we went on to Gambell. There the surf on the beach was rolling even higher and there was no place to anchor. Consequently, the Captain ordered his ship to follow a north west course all night along the Siberian coast. At daybreak we turned south again and reached Gambell at noon. A storm on Bering Sea, in a little ship, is not much fun, especially when sea-sickness lays one low. We were certainly glad to get ashore safely as the breakers ~~on the shore~~ were still running high. By Sunday afternoon, the tenth, we started on to Savoonga. However the storm began all over again and after reaching that village the captain decided to wait until the next morning to unload the mail and my supplies. By morning the wind was downright vicious; no anchors would hold; and we turned back to Gambell. And here I have been since the eleventh of October!

My disappointment in not getting to Savoonga was keen at first. Then when I learned that all my coal was at Boxer Bay I was thoroughly depressed. Even this predicament is working

has contributed to Bannon

act all right, however. An Eskimo, by the name of Charles Ulroodo, has a camp at Boxer Bay where he spends most of the winter trapping for white foxes. Charles came to me the other day with a thoroughly sound proposition. He said: "You sell me your coal; then, I buy coal for you at Savoonga. They have lots of coal at Savoonga." Upon inquiry, I learn that there may be fuel enough at the village for me this year, whereas Charles has never had enough driftwood come his way for use at his camp. The tides and currents are such that the southern and western ends of the island get very ~~little~~ few logs washed up on the beach. So, that problem is being solved to the satisfaction of both of us with the understanding that coal will be sent from Gambell, if the Savoonga supply runs low.

Several other good things are developing out of my present situation. One that I appreciate is that good fellowship has been restored between Mrs. Daugherty, the Seventh-Day Adventist teacher here, and myself. We shared the same cabin coming over from Nome, were red-faced together, saw each other at the zero point of attractiveness, ~~and~~ with all barriers down, and still could laugh and joke about our predicament. Now we ~~~~ are on the way toward being good friends, instead of over-polite acquaintances! Her husband suggested that I use the nurse's headquarters here in Gambell since the nurse is at present in Savoonga. I am getting her little house in a more livable condition, as it was left in none too good shape by the five or six soldiers who had the use of it until recently. When the nurse comes, I shall have a good chance to get acquainted with her in a shorter length of time than an ordinary introduction usually permits.

The best compensation comes out of the fact that Percy Opalook and I are also getting to understand each other. He is a good man for the place; I am convinced of that beyond a doubt. His wife is an exceptionally likable person too and will help him greatly in his work. Now I am in a position to help Esther and Percy to get some club work for the women started just as Miss Bannon had worked out so well. # So far, I have held one worship service and shown my colored slides once. Simply to meet the people of Gambell again and to get better acquainted is worth a little delay. Nevertheless, I do hope that I can soon get over to Savoonga and get settled before cold weather sets in for the winter.

I am signing vouchers for September and October, although I have not done much for the advancement of our work lately. I did help the Methodists home at Nome when there for five weeks at Miss Cruickson's home. Yours truly,

Irene Martin

FEB 17 1944

Gambell, Alaska
Oct. 20, 1943

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Now that the ship that brought me over has come and gone I guess it is all right to tell you that said ship was a small transport. This means a saving of several hundred dollars, — anywhere from $400 — $600 or more. However there is lightage to pay, - quite some amount it is, no doubt, but just what I cannot tell as yet. Nevertheless, we can be thankful that the expense of a chartered boat was not necessary. It paid to wait five weeks, apparently.

But, as you see by the heading, I am still in Gambell! The transport made a second attempt to get to Savoonga but the winds were unfavorable so I was brought back here and all my stuff unloaded here too. When the nurse comes over from Savoonga, I plan to go back with the crew that brings her. I'll let you know, later. So far, so good, and all is well. Percy + I are getting acquainted + that is good, too. Sincerely Anna Martin

Gambell, Alaska
Oct. 28, '43

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I am including a statement for my general supplies with a notation concerning fuel oil. In order to understand it all, you should know the geography of St. Lawrence Island. It goes something like this:

Longshoring at Gambell $11.97
" at Boxer Bay 66.00
$76.97

The coal was all unloaded at Boxer Bay for the simple reason that the north shores were too dangerous on account of stormy seas to risk unloading either at Gambell or Savoonga.

I received a bill from Polet that reads: 10½ ton coal (144 sks) @ 41.50 per ton, - $435.75. A notation on the bill says: "Prepaid freight has been charged to your account." However, the FP31, an army vessel, brought all of the supplies over so the extra charges will be only for lighterage. That in itself is no small item, either for Nome or Gambell, however. ($76.97)

Can you feature my dismay when I learned that

all of this expensive coal was dumped at Boxer Bay with the only transportation by dog team and no snow? There is some snow now but not enough for hauling heavy loads. Charles Silwooka has a camp at Boxer Bay and needs coal. He will buy some of the coal and pay for it through the Gambell store. The store here will make arrangements with the Savoonga store to guarantee me all the coal I need. The sad part of the story is that coal on the island retails at $1.90 per 100 lb. sack. As I figure it, at this rate my sacks are worth $2.66 to any one on the island and that is all I can get. Moving it to Savoonga would raise the price about three times and besides no one wants to do it, - hasn't the dogs at the time. I would have to hire a lot of teams at a prohibitive price.

Now you can understand my consternation when I learned that I was to be sent here at Nome prices plus the cost of a chartered vessel. Had we actually chartered a boat, Mr. Post told me it might have cost anywhere from me $500.00 to $700.00 over & above ~~to more~~ than all of this.

Well, my sad story is told. Will you break this news gently to Rev. Champlin, the N. York Voice, or whoever has to know?

Yours truly,

Anna J Martin

Gambell, Alaska
Nov. 3, 1943

FEB 17 1944

Dear Mr. Armstrong

I neglected to put this statement of my bill in your other letter, – hence this hasty note.

A plane is actually expected today, but that does not always mean anything. The thing I am interested in, is dog team travel between here at Savoonga. Not one trip has been made so far, the simple reason being a lack of snow. Quite a bit has fallen but the wind blew it all into Bering Sea. This same wind has made boat travel impossible.

My expenses in Nome were $60.00 — paid to Miss Eickerson for 5 meals, room & board. The other $40.00 will about get me to Savoonga, along with two teams of freight.

Sincerely,

Anna J Martin

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JAN 17 1944

Of Anna J Martin Sunday School Missionary

Date Nov. 22, 1943

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Although I left Nome October fifth and arrived in Gambell on the seventh, I did not get here in Savoonga until November eighteenth. The delay was unavoidable due to no transportation facilities. As it was, I came while the trail was very rough and tedious, taking one and a half days enroute, instead of the usual seven hours.

We left Gambell at eight o'clock, November seventeenth, while it was still dark, and cold, and stormy. An hour later a glimmer of morning light appeared in the southeast, the wind stopped blowing quite so strenuously and we began to enjoy the slow trip. The detours around the big lagoons were of interest to me as they opened up new country. On one place, at a high elevation, we could see the southern coast of the island where the largest lagoons are located. The work of going around the lagoons was so slow that the driver undertook to negotiate some short-cuts over salty slush and rubbery ice that neither the dogs nor I liked very well. The idea of wading ashore in the frozen salt water did not appeal to me; but since nothing of the sort happened, it was all right.

By five o'clock it was stormy again and dark enough to make the lights of Camp Collier look very inviting. When we were asked to remain all night, that sounded good to me, too. I was literally "put on a shelf" along with my sleeping bag for which I was very grateful. I slept, or at least rolled about a lot, in more of less fitful; while down below me two men, one woman, four children, two dogs, four puppies and the carcass of a dead fox just about used up all the space of the one room.

Next morning we were on our way, rejoicing in the beauty of a glorious sunrise that lasted over two hours. A team of

comparatively swift dogs came out a two hour ride from Davoonga to take me into the village in style. How good it was to leave the tired dogs to their own gait and to skim over the snow at what seemed a break-neck pace. When we hit rocks still uncovered with snow the jolts were terrific, but we could take it with a grin, so all was well. The long slope down the far side of the Davoonga hills was an ideal place for speedy travel. On ahead lay the little village I had been longing to reach since leaving Anchorage the last of August.

Our dogs were possessed with the idea of traveling full speed right up to their owners doorway. I was lucky to be able to step out of my many wrappings under my own power and with no bones broken. Since it was noon when we arrived there was a chance to say "Hello" to nearly every one in the village in the first ten minutes of greetings. After a hearty lunch ~~at~~ in the nurse's nice warm kitchen, I went to my little one room house which was warm and quite inviting. Then, un-packing and hanging up some new curtains the place looked more home-like and un-packing the rest of the things was fun.

Now I am all set for work and it seems good to be back among my Eskimo friends. They are so glad to have a missionary with them again that it is easy to get cooperation. More than ever we feel the need of a church building. The Presbyterian Church really has nothing to call its own in Davoonga. I live in a rented house. The one room of that house does not begin to fill all of the demands upon it, comfortably. Eighteen folks can be crowded into it by utilizing boxes & boards & make-shift benches for seats. Our church meetings are held in an un-finished up-stairs room of the government school building. What little heat we can put into that attic leaks out in all directions. As I look ahead to Christmas, I also realize that missionary boxes from the home churches in Alaska or "Outside" are also needed now. Can we have them next year? And, how about the Church?

Anna M Martin

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MAR 20 1944

Of Anna Martin Sunday School Missionary

Date Feb. 14, 1944

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I feel the need of more Christian literature to hand out to the Church members and Sunday School groups here in Savoonga. Junior and Primary Work Books and S.S. quarterlies would be particularly welcome. - Left-over Queen's Gardens, etc could be used as the date does not concern us so much. There are no religious stories or picture cards to give my young people, — yet the Seventh Day Adventists on the Island seem to have an unlimited supply. Their material is simple, easily understood; we need our "literature" in words of one syllable, the simpler the better. Our Adventist friends also have religious pictures to show on the screen. We humbly borrow theirs and publicly thank them in order not to let an opportunity of the sort go by!

The woman who started the Seventh Day Adventist Church here on the Island tells me frankly that she is recommending that their denomination send a missionary to Gambell next summer. She expects to leave, then. So, I do not be surprised if such an awkward situation arises. There are six families now joined up with the "other-faithers" as they are called, one family living here in Savoonga, the others in Gambell.

Four girls were sent from Gambell to the Seventh Day Adventist hospital in Palmer to work, ~~two of whom~~ last winter. Two of them were Adventists (formerly teachers in the S.S. at the mission there). One of the others recently wrote to me saying that she too is now a "Sabbath keeper". It was to be expected, I presume, but is rather disquieting nevertheless. Two of my Church members solemnly told me that last winter (when the Presbyterians had no representatives as leaders at the mission here) they almost joined the "other faithers". This is a sad story, but you in authority should know the discouraging factors as well as the brighter side of reports.

Please send me a World Book of Prayer Calendar, C.O.D. Sincerely, - Anna Martin

Miss Kauffman
Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner

April 6, 194..

We have no record in our office of any deductions to be made from the salary for The Rev. Mr. Klerekoper beginning April first for supplies, etc.

There is an amount of $39.85 to be prorated from The Rev. Mr. Ipalook's salary which amount was paid to A. Polet, Nome, Alaska for personal items on March 17th. We shall await word from you as to how this is being prorated so we may report to The Rev. Mr. Ipalook.

Then we are waiting until the matter is settled in regard to the $739.20 which was charged against SAVOONGA MAINTENANCE in reference to Miss Anna Martin's personal items. Mr. Jackman wants to clear this matter further as it will be rather a large amount prorated out of her salary. Just as soon as we have word on this we will let you know.

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Send this report to the Presbyterial Chairman of National Missions, after which it should be mailed to J. M. Somerndike, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. Please retain a copy of this report for your files.

MONTHLY REPORT

Name of Missionary Anna Martin in the {Synod / Presbytery} of Yukon for the month from Mar 15 to Apr 14, 1944

Mission Stations Served Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

Day of Month	PLACES OF WORK	3 Pastoral Calls	4 Preaching Services	5 Conversions	6 Bible Study Groups	7 Week Day Bible Classes for Children	8 Prayer Meeting Service	9 Young People's Society	10 Conference with Local Workers (& interpreters)	11 Vacation Bible School	REMARKS
Mar. Wed. 15	Savoonga					one	one				If some missionary minded Presbyterian felt moved to give the Savoonga Church a pulpit [illegible] we now have a pulpit whereon it could rest in state. The pulpit is home-made out of used wood that Miss Bannon gave us two years ago. It was made by two of the trustees who gave up a good hunting day when the other men went out for seal and walrus.
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18									two		
Sun 19		1	one					two			
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21		3							one		
22						Spring Vacation	one				
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24									two		
25		2							two		
Sun 26		1	one					two			
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28									one		Two of our C.E. boys worked together one ~~afternoon~~ morning and part of an evening in making a couple of flag poles, — one for the American flag and one for the Christian flag both of which are new. Our old Christian flag had been made out of red and white outing flannel and part of an ~~old~~ new blue denim apron. Now the blue field, with its red cross, ~~has~~ forms the drape on the new pulpit.
Wed. 29						one	one				
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31									two		
1		30 supervision calls							two		
Sun 2		1	one					two			
3		2									
4									one		
Wed. 5						one	✓				
6						one			two		
Good Fri. 7							one				
8		4							two		
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10											
11		3							one		Considering the fact that we worship in the unfinished attic in the school house, we make quite a brave appearance when all the pictures help to brighten the
Wed. 12						one	✓				
13						one					
14							one				
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Each monthly report should be accompanied by a detailed narrative of the Missionary's labors, describing the nature of his activities and recording interesting incidents and experiences.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Sunday Services	Name of Church or Community	1st Sunday Mar. 19	2d Sunday 26	3d Sunday Apr. 2	4th Sunday 9	5th Sunday	TOTAL	REMARKS
1. Sermons Preached	Lavonga Presbyterian	one	one	one	one			We were fortunate in having the government nurse, Miss Mildred Keaton, with us for Easter and the week preceeding to help with our Easter singing. Her enthusiasm in drilling our choir and the solo she sang at the Easter service helped to make the music really worshipful. One of the musically inclined Eskimos put two of the Easter songs into the native language for the benefit of the older folk. Percy Ipalook led prayer meeting on Apr. 14th & will stay over Sun
2. Church Service Attendance		88	81	103	130			
3. Afternoon Service Attendance Jr. C.E.		14	14	14	15			
4. Night Service Attendance								
5. Sunday School Attendance		71	70	71	75			
6. Young People's Meeting Attendance Jr. C.E.		32	32	34	35			
7. Other Sunday Meetings Attendance (C.W.C.)	Women's Class	18	18	18	20			
Men's Prayer Group		19	20	20	20			
Week Day Meetings and Other Activities								
8. Prayer Meeting Attendance		78	93	Good Fri. 156	Percy I palook 155			
9. Cottage Prayer Group		17	18	18	18			
10. C.E. Business Meeting			24					
11. " " Party					24			
12. Choir Practice		17	17	18	18			
13. Girls Club		15	15	15	15			
14. Total Attendance—all Sunday and Week Day Meetings								
15. Number of Meetings of Session, Officers or Congregation				one				
16. Week Day Bible Classes in Government School		2	0	2	2			
17. New Members received on Profession								
18. New Members received on Certificate								
19. Amount Paid by Church on Pastor's Salary								
20. Amount Paid by Church on Current Expense								
21. Amount Contributed to National Missions								
22. Amount Contributed for Other Benevolences								

Leadership Training Classes or Other Adult Groups

NAME OF CHURCH	HOW OFTEN DOES CLASS MEET	TEXTBOOK USED	ENROLLMENT

Approved W Harry Thomas Jr

Chairman of Presbyterial Committee of National Missions

This report to be mailed, after endorsement, to J. M. Somerndike, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

Extra Copy
For
Miss Martin File

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Kauffmann
FROM Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner DATE April 25, 1944
RE:

You will please find attached receipt from Bertha Wade Wallace in the amount of $20.- for house rent which she received from Miss Anna Martin, Savoonga, St. Lawrence Id., Alaska for the four months of October, November, December 1943 and January 1944 inclusive. Will you charge this $20.- against SAVOONGA MAINTENANCE and include this amount in Miss Martin's salary check for May 1944? Thank you.

Unit of Work in Alaska
per

FK

April 25, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Id.,
Alaska

My dear Miss Martin:

A letter to you has been held in abeyance pending my trip to Alaska to get more information concerning the understanding of the relation between you and the Board's office. After talking with Mr. Champlin and Mr. Armstrong, I have a clearer picture of the whole situation.

As I understand it Dr. King had arranged with you for a salary of $1200 a year plus station maintenance of fuel and housing for yourself. The cost of food and personal items were to be taken out of your salary and prorated over a period of a year. The Board has the obligation of paying the freight on personal items which are ordered and sent from Seattle.

We have received the bills for your supplies and have sent a check to Mr. Polet in Nome for all of them except the final statement on the coal. A conference with Mr. Howell in Seattle indicates that we probably have no possibility of getting any return on the coal which was lost in transit because it was on a government boat. He felt it was unwise for us to purchase our coal up there because of the increased amount of lighterage and drayage and the possibility of losing a considerabe portion of it without any reimbursement. His suggestion is that these items should be ordered from Seattle which gives us the opportunity of making a claim against the company for failure in delivery.

The total amount of your personal items is $739.20. When we come to prorating this over a period of a year there would be practically nothing left of your salary after the tax deductions are made and you have paid your pension premium. We feel this is rather an injustice to you and I am suggesting that we charge you $600 for your personal items and prorate this on the basis of $50.- a month. We shall charge the balance of it this time to station maintenance for Savoonga. We hope this seems fair to you in the light of all the circumstances involved.

We are enclosing a list of conditions for ordering supplies. This has been drawn up after a conference with Mr. Howell and gives all of us the benefit of years of experience in ordering supplies for our missionaries along the Arctic coast. It represents the cheapest method of taking care of these items. We hope it will be helpful to you, to Mr. Howell, and to our office.

After receiving your letter concerning your need of Christian literature we asked our Unit of Evangelism to send to you a number of leaflets which might be helpful in your work. We also sent you fifty Scripture Text Calendars which you can use in the homes of your people. Miss Gillespie of our Specific Work office was asked to suggest to Church and Sunday school groups that they can send quarterlies and Sunday school papers to your station. We hope this contact will be profitable and will bring you an added supply of Christian literature for the people of Savoonga.

After a conference with the National Missions Committee in Yukon Presbytery it would seem that you would get better service concerning your bills and other conditions if your mail were directed to our office here so that we could take care of these matters whenever it is possible. We want to serve you as promptly and as efficiently as possible and we trust that your work will prosper in every way.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Summary, showing why I'll have to resign in 1945:

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Savoonga, Alaska
St. Lawrence Island
May 15, 1944

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Unit of Work in Alaska
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

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Yours truly, Anna J. Martin

Savoonga, Alaska
July 31, 1944

AUG 28 1944

J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman

Your letters dated June 6th and July 19th show that you have been much more patient with me than I deserve. I wish I could talk things over instead of write about my predicament, but will try to clear up some of your questions.

In the first place, perhaps I should tell you that you are right in your conclusion that I am not serving army and navy personnel. There is nothing of the sort on the island to serve, otherwise I would be glad of the chance. When blanks were sent me, I wrote directly to headquarters explaining the situation here. You should have been notified too, apparently. I'm sorry.

In regard to my status with the Board, let me clear Dr. King. His letter explaining my relationship was very plain and there was no doubt in my mind about what was to be expected. I showed Dr. King's letter to

Mr. Armstrong when he was a Palmer. His attitude was that although funds for other branches of mission work had been curtailed the Alaska funds were sufficient to meet all expenses. He discovered, as you probably have too, that my stubbornness was (and still is) hard to contend with and of a die-hard variety.

My point, for balking, was then that I would not pay Nome prices for coal + food. He said the Board would see me through he felt quite sure but if ~~the~~ it could not, the Yukon Presbytery or, as a last resort, his own Church would see me through the financial part. I told him he didn't know Nome prices. He thought he did and even said a boat would be chartered to take me and all supplies over. I told him the cost of such proceedings was more than I was worth to the Presbyterian Church. He said that in view of the Seventh Day Adventist situation, he thought a chartered boat was not an unreasonable solution at all. It is a good thing we didn't have $500.00 more to pay on that score!

So, we argued around in circles, - I showing Dr. King's letter, Mr. Armstrong claiming that circumstances altered this particular case. Finally he asked me point-blank whether or not I was sincere in wishing to return to Savoonga. When I said that ~~I~~ I felt it was the job the Lord wanted me to do, he assured me that then I was to have faith that it would work out as he had outlined. I have asked Mr. Armstrong to write to you to corroborate these statements.

There would have been no objection from me if I had been asked to pay Seattle prices and had some ~~other~~ settlement on that score. But, to wait until the year was gone, then deduct the food bill was just too much to stand, especially when I had telegraphed my bill to Mr. Armstrong while I was still in Nome.

My food and coal is all in right for this coming year. My rent has been paid by the Board ever since I sent statements. Back rent can easily be forgotten. My food bill for 1944-1945 comes to $240. I suggest you deduct that from the original bill & get back to the first agreement as outlined by Dr. King. Sincerely, Anna Martin

(arrived in N.Y.Office June 5, 1944)

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Inf. from memo from Miss Gillespie
re: Percy Ipalook

May 16, 1944

"Will you instruct Mr. Howell to send all the purchases for St. Lawrence Island to Rev. Percy Ipalook. (This is in accordance with Mr. Jackman's instructions to me)

Will you hold the attached list of donors for St. Lawrence Island until Mr. Jackman's return and then ask him to write to Mr. Ipalook enclosing this list and explaining that an acknowledgment should be made now and that Mr. Howell is purchasing Christmas gifts with this money which will be forwarded to him. Will you also explain that in al probability other gifts sent direct from donors to Mr. Howell will be coming to him, and that Mr. Howell will send him a list of these donors? They too should receive acknowledgment direct.

Then will you make it plain to Mr. Ipalook that all of these Christmas supplies are to be shared with Miss Anna Martin?

Mr. Jackman should write to Miss Martin explaining the procedure which he has asked us to follow.

I understand that no list has been made available to Mr. Howell or to your office from Mr. Ipalook, but that a memorandum from Miss Anna Martin lists the following: (re: list of Christmas needs for her field)

towels, wash cloths, ~~remnants~~ remnant of cloths, memorandum books, pencils, anklets socks, New Testaments, religious pictures.

FOR FURTHER DETAIL SEE MISS GILLESPIE'S MEMO DATED May 16, 1944

June 6, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island
Alaska

My dear Miss Martin:

We have received your suggested plans for the new Church in Savoonga and have compared them with the plan which had been sent to the office sometime ago. As soon as we have an opportunity we would like to consult the Bureau of Architecture of the Home Missions Council for any advice and help which they may be able to give us. Their ideas may not fit Savoonga but they may be able to make some suitable suggestion. We would refer them to you before anytying was done if they have any help to give us. Certainly we should have definite plans in hand and be ready to go to work when the war is over and it is possible to get materials. When I have a little more time at the office, we shall go into this thing deeper and hope to be ready.

The list of materials which you would like to have for Christmas has been sent with some funds to Mr. Howell in Renton, Washington for purchase. We may not have the most efficient direction on this now but these have been shipped by Mr. Howell to Percy at Gambell with the instructions that all things should be divided between Gambell and Savoonga and your needs should be supplied as far as the gifts would permit. A wire from Mr. Howell on another matter indicates that the shipment was made May thirty-first. We are hoping it will arrive in good shape. We have asked Percy and would ask your help to give proper acknowledgment to the donors of the funds for supplies.

Under the advice of Mr. Howell, we have drawn up a list of shipping instructions for supplies for the Arctic Coast at both ends. We are enclosing a set of these instructions and would be glad to have you give your reactions on them. Mr. Howell seems to think they are excellent for the Seattle end. How about the receiving end at St. Lawrence Island? We are glad to have any suggestions which you may care to make to improve them.

We have had another question concerning your support which ought to be settled. Dr. King had asked that your salary be paid by the Committee on Camp and Church Activity in the War Time Service Fund. There has been no

indication from your reports that we are justified in continuing to ask for this grant. We do not know if you are serving army or navy personnel in connection with your work. If you are then we should ask Camp and Church for the grant. If not, we are not justified in making this request. As the matter now stands they are discontinuing the grant as of June 30th. We would not leave you without salary but will include you in our budget. If there is any justification for asking for this grant a word from you on this will be helpful. If censorship would not permit a complete statement you can answer yes or no and we would understand.

We are delighted with the good reports of your work which are coming to us directly from you and also from others. New York is a long distance from you and yet we hear about your work from various people in a round-about way. We commend you highly for your devotion to the task and your willingness to give such a valuable service.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK
Dictated but not
signed by Mr. Jackman

June 12, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Id.
Alaska

My dear Miss Martin:

Thank you for your letter of May fifteenth with its statement of your situation. I am sorry to find you so disturbed over this matter and I hasten to clear it as far as we are able to do it.

Since coming into the office, we have been trying to get a clear picture of your relations with the Board in your present location. So far we have put together the following information but do not know if it is correct. The Committee in Alaska made an agreement with you for service in Savoonga for $900 a year and maintenance which they understood included house and food. When this was reported to Dr. King he reported that the Board never did provide food for workers along the Arctic Coast - maintenance meant house and fuel or station maintenance. He changed the agreement to cover $1200 a year salary plus station maintenance which would include rent and fuel but not food. You were to have the privilege of purchasing your food at Seattle wholesale prices along with your fuel and station items and the Board would pay the freight on the whole order to Savoonga. The amount of your personal items, including food, was to be prorated over the following year and withheld from your salary check. This would be a summer order received by you in August and reported to the office in September and the amounts would be withheld beginning October first. From all appearances it would seem that no provision was made for this summer order and the Committee had authorized you to buy in Nome with the Board paying the bill and not charging you for it. This procedure was rejected by Dr. King but evidently you were not notified and knew no difference until you received my letter. The bills with Mr. Polet were delayed in getting to our office and did not reach us till about February and were held by us in the hope the coal could be traced and some adjustment made. This we were told to do. We received no word so proceeded to settle as much of the bill as possible. We have now(May 19th) paid Mr. Polet in full and are trying to get the matter straightened out with you on a basis that is fair to you and the Board.

Meanwhile, Dr. King asked the Committee on Camp and Church Activities to pay your salary of $1200 on the grounds that you were serving military personnel in Savoonga. We find in the reports no justification for this and are trying to straighten it out. We have assumed your salary now and will continue it unless we hear that you are performing the above service.

The lack of clarity in your case shows the inefficiency which arises when an agreement is made through too many people who do not understand the rules of the Board.

We have drawn up a set of rules covering orders for supplies in your territory which have been sent to you but we enclose another copy to be sure you get them. These will apply in the future. Since no provision was made for your next winter's order and it is now too late to get it shipped from Seattle, we shall have to make some adjustment again for you upon the basis of the rules.

We are responsible for your rent and should pay it. We will check this in our Treasury and would like a report from you. If none has been paid by the Board send us a statement and we will reimburse you for the full amount.

As we understand it the following is the present relation with you: the salary is to be $1200 a year with a month's vacation each year and the payment of 8% pension dues on $1200 plus 15% as allowance for housing. We are to pay for your fuel at Seattle, Wash. and pay the freight to Savoonga. We are to pay for your rent until such time as we can consider the building of a new Church which will have living quarters provided. You are responsible for the cost of your food and personal items. These may be purchasedat wholesale prices in Seattle through our purchasing agent, Mr. Howell, and we will pay the freight and lighterage to get them to you with your fuel. This arrangement is made to reduce the cost, the freight and handling both to you and the Board. Experience has proved it to be the cheapest and surest way to make this provision.

The Treasury Department is required to withhold your income tax and it is simpler for you to have us pay for your winter's supply of food at Seattle and prorate the amount over the twelve months. If you have a better way to handle all these matters we would be glad to have a suggestion from you.

If you have a different understanding than the above please tell us about it. We are as anxious as you to have the matter settled in the right way. We trust you will find us human and Christian in our relations.

You are rendering a valuable service and we want to be helpful rather than disturbing. Please deal with us directly and help us straighten things out. We shall do everything in our power to adjust matters fairly.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK
Dictated but not
signed by Mr. Jackman

Savoonga, Alaska
June 15, 1944

To whom it may concern:
(in regard to my 1944-45 budget)

Please accept my resignation to go into effect as soon as I can get last years bills paid for. Being in debt is a new experience for me and against my religion. Consequently, I am practically forced to resign.

Contrary to an agreement made before I left Palmer last summer, I am asked to accept a deduction of $50.00 a month for food purchased in Nome last September. The merchant from whom the stuff was purchased had to wait nearly a year for his pay, and then the coal bill was not settled. Now, with another year ahead, I simply can not plan a budget to cover expenses.

Out of a salary check of $38.46 I am to buy this year's food too. It happens that I can get it here in Savoonga from the nurse who is leaving and has an extra supply on hand that I can get for nearly half of last year's bill. Even at this moderate cost, I figure that I will have practically nothing left.

It has bothered me all wirter to know that my bill at Polet's in Nome was un-paid. In answer to my last letter inquiring about my bill, Mr. Polet sent me a copy of a letter signed by J. Earl Jackman, and dated March 9th in which he says, in part:

"We will be responsible for their orders within the limit of our budget appropriated for them(missionaries) but it does take us a long time to get the orders completed and bills returned to us at the office. We are sorry for these delays but we have not yet found a more direct way in taking care of these Items."

The same letter mentions the purchasing agent in ***** Renton who "has recently lost his wife but is now getting adjusted to giving his attention to these matters for us."

I am sorry to say it, but I'm through with all of this inefficiency. Why can't the Lord's business be done decently and in order?

It might be well to note here that the Seventh Day Adventists have had a preacher in Gambell all this month that Percy Ipalook has been on the mainland. Their preacher has an air-plane! They plan to build a beautiful chapel and in the course of time we shall see them putting the Presbyterians to shame.

I am truly sorry to have to write this, for I still think there is great need for constructive missionary work among these fine people on St. Lawrence Island. ~~Sincerely,~~ The question is: are we going to do it, or are the Adventists?

Sincerely;

Anna Martin

July 19, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Id.,
Alaska

My dear Miss Martin:

We have just received your June fifteenth report through Mr. Champlin and also a letter concerning your relationship with the Board through Miss Ann Dannan. I am greatly disturbed and deeply concerned over the fact that a situation has arisen which would cause you so much evident irritation and lack of confidence in the Board of National Missions. We should never allow ourselves to get into the position of having our loyal and faithful workers to develop this state of mind toward the Board and we want to do our utmost to straighten this matter out and restore your confidence in us.

By this time you should have received a letter from us piecing together some of the history of the developments in this case. We are still trying to settle it in a way which will be satisfactory to all. We cannot blame you for being irritated because a promise was made to you in Alaska and that promise has not been fulfilled or has been changed by the headquarters office. However, we hope that you will not be too hard upon us until we have the opportunity of making some adjustment with you.

In your letter "to whom it may concern" from Mr. Champlin you indicate that "contrary to an agreement before I left Palmer last summer, I am asked to accept a deduction of $30 a month for food purchased in Nome last September". We did not have a definite statement regarding this particular thing. My understanding from the Committee was that they had promised you the Board would pay the difference between Nome prices and Seattle prices but that you were obligated for the cost of your food. Whatever the agreement made by the Committee in Alaska was it was done in good faith but it was done without a knowledge of the rules of the Board. However, the promise was made and we want to do our best to fulfill it as much as possible.

I have this proposition to make to you. I shall break all the rules of the Board in doing it but will offer to do it to make things right with you and restore your confidence in us. As of October first we will cancel the present deduction system and anything which seems to stand against your account at that time will be wiped out. We shall then go back to the basis of the regular rule of the Board that we will pay your salary plus the station maintenance which includes your rent and you will have the responsibility for the purchase of your food.

It is too late for us to do anything now about purchasing this food from Seattle for next winter. However, I think there has been something in your correspondence indicating that you have the possibility of getting a supply of food there at reasonable cost. It is also too late for us to do anything about supplying your fuel from Seattle and we will authorize you to get your fuel from Nome even though it costs us more than the arrangement through Seattle. We shall want these bills for which we are responsible sent directly to our office for settlement. This seems to be the only way we can be sure of any measure of efficiency in handling them.

Beyond the present year we would then ask you for your benefit and ours to send your order for food to our office according to the rules; let us supply whatever you need from the outside through the wholesale purchaser. We would also ask you to send your order for fuel and station maintenance according to the rules so that we can supply it as economically as possible from Seattle.

You will see from these suggestions that we have not made any provision to cover your resignation. You have done a good work and we need you in Savoonga. We are willing to make whatever adjustment you deem fair to keep you there. You may send us some proposal as a result of our letter of June but we shall not take any action upon it until we hear from you in response to this letter for we hope this proposition may seem fair to you and we can reestablish our relations upon a basis of mutual confidence and dependability.

Meanwhile, we ought to talk something about the possibility of a new Church at Savoonga. At two different times they sent us suggestions for a floor plan for the Church and manse. The other day, I found a set of plans drawn by an architect for a proposed Church and manse connected with the building for your station. One of these days when I can get to it I will draw a rough draft of the proposed floor plan and send it to you. It would be better to send plans as drawn but we have only one copy and I do not want to risk losing them in transit. You mention the possibility of employing a carpenter contractor to go up with the materials to supervise the construction when the way is open for the new building. We would conclude from this suggestion that it is possible to get sufficient skilled labor there for practically all of the work at a moderate price. In the development of this building program, when we are able to do it, we shall certainly need the assistance of one who has the confidence of the people and who can give great guidance and help. From this standpoint as well as for the permanency of the work we need Anna Martin in Savoonga.

We are distressed over the situation at Gambell but do not seem to be able to do anything about it now concerning it. Other people seem to have more information of what is happening there than we have in our office. At least Miss Bannan writes more than I know and other people in the States are writing into the office and we are getting our information in a round about way. It is our desire to stand with the Church and people at Gambell. Percy's family situation has been unfortunate, but as far as we know, he is returning to his work. Miss Bannan has made the suggestion that we ought to have a white minister and his wife there in charge of the Church. This presents a serious difficulty because about 800 of our Presbyterian ministers have gone into the chaplaincy and we have approximately 2500 vacant Churches in the States. Our ministers in smaller Churches are moving into larger ones, and I have not yet found one minister who will accept the challenge of service any place in Alaska not to speak of St. Lawrence Island. My own feeling is that

we ought to have an ordained minister and his wife in residence at Gambell. It would be better, under the circumstances, if we can get a white couple for this purpose. We would like you to continue at Savoonga, and have a minister and his wife go over periodically to serve communion, baptize, and perform the functions of the ministry which the Church has not yet permitted our women to do.

Meanwhile, we are trying to build up a program for the development and care of mission property. We want to encourage our people on the field to do as much as possible for their own Churches and have the Board supplement this to build a strong program. Until we can get a Church at Savoonga we will obligate ourselves for your rent and expect to reimburse you for all that you have paid for that purpose as soon as we receive a statement concerning it. Please give this whole matter your prayerful consideration and help us to adjust it for your own peace of mind and the permanence of our mission program on St. Lawrence Island. As I said before, we shall not act upon any other proposition until we hear from you in response to this letter. We are hoping this will be early September at the latest and we will put the proposal into effect by October first if you agree.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska

P.S. If you feel that the Committee in Alaska promised you the full payment of food instead of the difference between Nome and Seattle prices then we ought not only to cancel any amount to be withheld in the next budget year but also to reimburse you for what we have withheld during the present budget year. It is our understanding that the Committee promised you that the Board would pay the difference on the food between Nome and Seattle prices. If on the other hand you understood the promise to pay all of your food then there is still need for further adjustment. However, we should take into account the fact if the Committee made that promise they also promised you $900 salary and not $1200. Again we need a definite statement from you.

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SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

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Of ~~(Miss)~~ Anna Martin, Savoonga, Alaska Sunday School Missionary

Date ~~September 15~~, 1944

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Dear Dr. Jackman,

At the last meeting of the Session we discussed some of the problems that would have to be solved if a church building is to be erected in Savoonga. Nothing definite was decided except that if the building were to be constructed out of stone it might save expense as far as material is concerned. We have plenty of stone, of volcanic origin. However there is no tractor here in Savoonga and a tractor would almost be necessary if store were used. The men thought that if the building were to be all of lumber then only one "Outside" carpenter to boss the job would be necessary. The government school here was erected by a Nome carpenter ~~under~~ who used local men for the carpentry work. Our men know nothing about stone masonry, so an expert in that line would also be needed, otherwise. When the heavy work of a church building should be completed and only finishing work left, then, the men thought, donated labor could be counted upon making the job a community project. Pay would be expected ofcourse for the major part of the work which would take the men from their hunting, fishing and reindeer business. This, ofcourse, is just talk but might give you a basis for planning there at headquarters. Another thing, however, worth knowing is that freight that is put off at Nome then re-shipped from there costs us $1.25 per cubic foot. So, make the shipping direct or you are out of funds right to start with. Moreover, every last thing needed would have to be sent in as out store is noted for the things it does not have on sale.

Now, in regard to my living quarters, I am happy to state that improvements have been made that make the place quite comfortable and also attractive. I was able to get ~~four~~ eight pieces of Celotex which measured four-by-eight feet. This was enough to cover the walls, which were formerly papered with wide wrapping paper that was all-right originally but had become wrinkled and torn with the heaving and settling of the building. One gallong of a wall finish called Kem-Tone made a nice finish on top of the Celotex. Two men of the church put on the wall board; and I did the decorating myself. The ceiling, woodwork, and floor I painted. Over this room is a low loft the highest part of which is scarcely five feet from the floor. While the men worked down-stairs I hammered away all day long, putting up in this attic small pieces of celotex on the ~~ceiling~~ rafters. A ~~guaze~~ gauze mask was worn over nose and mouth to keep out some of the dust and germs from lungs and throat, but I really enjoyed doing that job. It called for more ~~va~~ied postures and artics ~~of~~ and more wilding wielding of a hammer than I had bargained for, however especially when it came to the region where ~~flo~~ floor and roof met at an angle of about thirty degrees. Now, the upper regions are safe for storing my food stuffs. The fact that an ordinary ladder is used to get up and down from this loft encourages me to get a weeks supply at a time. This is better than having all freezables stacked under the bed, and not much more ~~troubel.~~ trouble.

One thing about my work here at the mission has been a source of dis_couragement. Namely: Dogs! A year ago when I came from Nome, I brought with me fine sled dog. He is part German shepherd and the rest plain malemute which includes a wolf ancestry I presume. Well, the object of bringing the dog was to teach by example how a dog should be treated. The year 1940-41 had been spent in vair use of words. My dog, Graybel, gets fed twice a day when it is cold enough for snow on the ground; at other times he gets one good meal a day.

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Of ~~Anna Martin~~ (continued) Sunday School Missionary

Date

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I give him a drink of water once a day, or more frequently at times. When it is cold or rainy he sleeps in the storm shed. I am fond of him and rub his ears and talk to him so that he returns my liking in a gratifying manner. For a year now the men of the village could see with half an eye that Graybel proves that a dog responds to good treatment by a greater vitality and better looks, to say nothing of a happy disposition and value as a companion. Nevertheless, the dogs of the village are lucky to be fed once in four days. Usually it is once a week and that on a Sunday evening! An unbearable racket disturbs the sabbath calm as the poor starved creatures howl for joy when they know food is actually coming at last. The worst sinner in his treatment of dogs is one of my interpreters and choir leader. He let a whole string of dogs starve two years ago! A few weeks ago I called this man out of his house and pointed out a starving mother dog of his that was nursing a litter of six puppies. "I said, "Just look at that dog! What do you have to say for yourself?" Edward replied that he would let her loose but she might run away. The idea was that then she could hunt for lemmings and feed herself. Such stupidity and cruelty gets me down, as the saying goes. Maybe a man on the mission job here could have more effect on their minds and hearts. The school teacher and his wife have a nice young dog that they treat as one of the family, much to the amusement of the men of the village but in no other apparent way.

When you come to get a person to take my place try to get one who can sing and direct a choir. Hymn singing is the chief joy of

old and young. I do my best which is rather feeble. The last nurse was very well qualified to direct choir singing and we co-operated beautifully. I am going to miss her a lot when it comes to special programs. The new nurse arrived just this week in Gambell. Now we are hoping that she will not be delayed in getting here to Savoonga like I was a year ago. Old Bering Sea is on a rampage and has been for some time with no sign of quieting down. The teachers here and I have noted that very little food has been shipped in for this new nurse. Something must have gone wrong with her order. I am wondering if it would be possible to sell her some of the supplies Percy Ipalook left there in Gambell mission. Most of it came after he took his family out, I believe. Anyhow, there is enough for a family of seven which is more than any two workers that you may send would need. What about it? Could I be authorized to sell what this nurse might need if she gets hard up for food before the year is over?

I made just one trip to Gambell this summer with the intention when I left of staying at least one day. My idea was to look over the mission and talk with the men of the session concerning coal, care of the premises there, and to get some of my food that is still stored over there. Because I was sort of sea sick on the way over, I did not feel very ambitious right after my arrival. To make matters worse, the owner of the boat that took me over decided in a moment's notice to return to Savoonga that same evening. I got back ~~twelve~~ eighteen hours after leaving without accomplishing much except to get remarkably tired. (A one-way trip takes a little over seven hours.) Therefore, I have nothing much to report from Gambell. They lost, by death from tuberculosis, one of their best church workers, Dorcas Echack. She was not only sweet and good but intelligent and willing to work in C.E., S.S., and anywhere she could be used at all. I was very fond of her. Her going will leave a lonesome place that nobody can quite fill.

Sincerely,

Anna Martin

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SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

Of Anna Martin, Savoonga, Alaska Sunday School Missionary

Date Oct. 16, 1944

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Dear Mr. Jackman, -

One thing I didn't mention on my monthly report is the fact that the church women are busy making things for the Christmas bazaar, - their first venture in this line. There may be no one to buy anything except the school teachers and the nurse, but we are having a good time getting under way. Three of the women carve ivory well so they do the carving and get the other women to polish their objects. If no one here buys them I'll send them to the gift shop in Nome. Some are knitting baby socks and one is knitting a pair of gloves. The supply of yarn is limited, or more would be done in this line. Most of the stuff is made of remnants of cloth and include baby duds, Bible & hymn book covers, radio scarfs and stove holders. There will be more of this to report after our bazaar in early December. The proceeds are to go toward a communion set. Percy Ipalook suggested that we buy one as the little glasses break too easily to risk bringing the Gambell set here by dog team even though carefully packed. Each time, so far, some breakage has occurred.

The village has been without electric lights for nearly a year now and we are facing another winter with a shortage of gasoline for the Coleman lamps. The ~~too~~ shortage is due to the fact that the village council was sure the diesel engine would be repaired by early fall. The needed parts are in Nome but we have had no parcels post or any second class mail since August 9th. Our Sunday School literature, along with everything else in second class mail, is waiting in Nome for transportation.

I suppose the Rev. Mr. Parker & his wife are there too by this time. We are looking for them on the next plane. It was impossible for me to get to Gambell, as transportation for to attend to the mission cleaning project this same reasons that kept me over there last year at

this ~~time~~ season. One Davoonga man got stranded there before bad weather for transportation became a matter of routine. He may get through with first class mail if before our dog team service begins the middle of November. There is no snow except on the hills so far sledding has not started.

Anna Martin

DEC 21 1944

Savoonga, Alaska

November 6, 1944

Dear Dr. Jackman,

In reply to the information requested in the Alaska News Letter for October, I would suggest the names of Albert Kulowiyi (elder), Jimmy Toolie (trustee) (elder), and Frank Seppilu (elder and clerk of Session.

My nearest relative is a cousin and I give both his home and business address: Clyde S. Martin, 1231 N. Yakima Ave., Tacoma 3, Washington
" " " " Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. Box 1645, Tacoma, Wash.

The comparative benevolence report for Yukon Presbytery has a mistake that should be corrected. Receipts from the United Council of Church Women acknowledge World Day of Prayer Offerings for the past two years:
One dated May 6, 1943 is numbered 8823 and credits Savoonga with $ 75.00
One dated April 26, 1944, " 19432 " " " $100.00

Concerning repair: Savoonga has nothing to repair. My little house was put in good condition this fall but the owner of the house is quite willing to let it count as rent. I'll send a statement as soon as I can get her signature. She lives in Gambell, hence the delay. The mission in Gambell certainly needs repair, however. The living quarters for the missionary need new flooring, wall board, calcomine, paint and a general over-hauling. The last I knew the over door of the kitchen range was off and that is a difficult thing to repair. The furniture needs re-finishing and a comfortable day bed and rugs would be appreciated by whoever tries to live there. Room arrangement was not so bad for one person when first planned but for two or more it is almost hopeless. They need a new building but if repairs are done adequately my estimate would be about $1,000.00 or more. Give them all you can, since your budget is so limited. There was no enclosure regarding repairs in letter as stated.

Savoonga has received no second class mail since August 9th which accounts for not receiving any literature whatever. 2,000 pounds of mail is waiting for us in Nome but the November plane will bring only 500 pounds.

St. Lawrence Is.

The new books for reading sound inviting but they probably would not get here before I leave even if they were ordered now.

My resignation to take place in the spring may have to be moved up on account of the need of dental work. Albert/Kulowiyi pulled a molar and filed away a gold bridge (taking an hour and ten minutes for the job) only to find that an advertitious tooth is pushing its way through the gum in a very crooked fashion. The nurse thinks that it will call for more skilled handling than my Eskimo dentist could possibly do. Once I get outside, I am sure I can get a position that will enable me to pay both for dental bill and for transportation out and the food bill I still owe you by your own accounts. Since this dental trouble has come up, I shall use it for my reason for leaving. There will be no "sore-head" talk or unethical reactions otherwise. If the Methodist forces will have me, I will join them merely as a church member, not as a missionary, for it seems my usefulness in this line is over. My troubles and Job's are quite ~~simi~~ similar and due to the same state of mind,-- arrogance and pride in past achievement.

In the mean-time, I'll carry on as before only in a more humble spirit, the Lord being my helper.

Sincerely;

Anna Martin

January 9, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Id.,
Alaska

My dear Miss Martin:

The time has come when we must think of the orders for food supplies for our missionaries on St. Lawrence Island for next year. You have indicated your desire to come out in the Spring but your experience at Savoonga would be very helpful to us in making out an order for a new worker there. We have no one ready to go but have two young women who have expressed a desire to go. After suitable interviews we hope to have an appointment ready when you notify us when you want to be relieved.

Sorry that you find it necessary to come out because you have been a great help to us in time of need. Can we bear your expense to Nome for dental care and keep you at Savoonga? We would be glad to have you stay if you find it possible but are proceeding on the understanding that you insist upon coming out.

May we have your statement on the needs for food and fuel for another year by April 1st? That will give us ample time to care for the order. If you have the information will you also tell us something about the cost of fuel and food up there?

Blessings upon you and the people of Savoonga as you continue your ministry among them.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

P.S. We understand that Miss Jane Gillespie wrote you several months ago asking for Christmas suggestions, etc., and if you have not already replied to her letter, may we remind you to send in this detailed information just as soon as possible? We need this for promotional purposes and for those people who are so very interested in your work.

Dictated but not signed
by Mr. Jackman

Enc. Inst. for Alaskan Missionary Supplies

January 24, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Martin
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Id.,
Alaska

My dear Miss Martin:

We have just received a letter from Mr. Jackman who has been in conference with our Purchasing Agent, The Rev. William J. Howell, in Renton, Washington in regard to supplies for our missionaries along the Arctic Coast.

Mr. Howell indicates and Mr. Jackman reports that there are some items which will be very difficult to secure and orders for these items, or at least some indication of the quantity desired, should be reported as soon as possible to our office. They are: tea, butter, ham, bacon, pop corn, candy, pineapple, and fruit juices. Another thing, all clothing articles which contain wool should be bought now or in the Fall. The supply is depleted in the Spring and the earlier the order comes the easier it is to fill. Therefore, it might be well for you to order any wool or part wool clothing now and if the order is not filled this Spring we may be able to have the articles purchased in the Fall and shipped up for delivery sometime during 1946. We shall do our utmost to fill your order for the supplies which are obtainable and can be purchased (some substitutions may be necessary), and yet keep within the limits of our budget for the amount appropriated for the cost of maintenance items and the cost of shipping all goods to your station.

Although you have expressed the desire to come out in the Spring, may we reiterate Mr. Jackman's statement to you in his letter of January 9th that "your experience at Savoonga would be very helpful to us in making out an order for a new worker". This will be especially true in the way of the food and fuel order rather than the clothing order. We will appreciate your early reply and cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Of Anna Martin, Savoonga, Alaska Sunday School Missionary

Personal note

Date Feb. 2nd, 1945

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Dear Mr. Jackman,

In your last letter, you state that you have not taken my resignation seriously. Nevertheless, it still holds and I see no reason for changing my mind. At the time when the resignation was handed ~~to~~ the Board, the step had been considered from many angles and it seemed then the only thing to do. Since nearly a years notice was given it surely has been fair to the N.Y. office. Now that Mr. & Mrs. Parker are on the island the work will be in good ~~hads~~ hands. However, I will stay in Savoonga until Mr. Parker can make the trip from Gambell. Snows are deep and trails are difficult and men with their dog teams are out at their trap lines in isolated parts of the island, so it may be the latter part of February or the middle of March before either of us can travel. Mail gets through nearly every month but the carrier has a loaded sled both ways with no room for passengers.

To sum up my reasons for leaving, I'll state them again, although it does not make pleasant writing on my part. At present the most pressing item is for me to get to a dentist for a surgical job and, most likely, for a dental plate. The local Eskimo "dentist" has removed a gold bridge and extracted a molar but he confesses that my teeth are "dangerous" and beyond his further attention. Then, in the second place, there is that miserable food and fuel situation that I refuse to cope with another year. Contemplating a 1945 order while still paying for the outrageous 1943 order (thrust upon me against my better judgment) is just too much for me. It seems more reasonable to get into war work and keep finances straight. Then, too, I have already given nineteen years of service to missionary work and there is no use staying after good faith at headquarters is destroyed. And, finally, I am at least a Methodist and therefore have the privilege to back-slide. This time I'll slide back to the Methodist fold and renew the loyalties that never should have been severed in the first place.

Sincerely

Anna Martin

MAR 27 1945

Savoonga, Alaska
Mar. 14, 1945

via airmail 3/15/45

Rev. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman,

The inclosed check for $35.00 represents the money the women earned at their Christmas bazaar. Over half of it comes from ivory the women carved and polished and sold to the Gift Shop at Sheldon Jackson School in Sitka. We just got their check this last mail, hence the delay. Even before our sale in December the women had agreed to buy a communion set and Miss Bannon promised to buy a baptismal bowl to go with it. Now Mr. Jackman tells us he has already asked you to get one for us. If you have not be able to get one please use this check of $35.00 for that purpose. If you have one on the way, then please use this money for either one of the items here, mentioned in order of preference: (1) A large framed picture of Jesus, preferably "Christ in the Temple", or the "Boy Christ" taken from the same painting by Hofmann. (2) A good-looking electric cross for front of Church, for inside use. (3) A pulpit Bible, large but not too large as our pulpit is small, about 1 ft. x ~~10 in.~~ 22 in., (so the Bible could be about 12 x 9 in.)

At Mr. Parker's suggestion we are sending benevolences to the Board of National Missions ($30.00) as well as a World Day of Prayer Offering ($60.00). These checks are mailed with monthly

report. We were told, three years ago, that the W-D-J-Prayer offering was accepted as Church benevolences and accredited as such, otherwise our yearly offering would have been apportioned differently the last three years.

I expect to leave Savoonga tomorrow, March 15th, weather permitting. That means I may be here another week or two, as everything depends on weather ~~tra~~ conditions, - especially travel. After early April it is not likely that any more airplanes will come to the island and then the next communication with the outside world will be the first boat, - June, or July. It is very seldom that any one gets to Savoonga, or out of it, after April. Whether you believe it or not, airplanes do not land in Savoonga and none has attempted to do so for seven years. We have had mail dropped from low flying planes, and medicines have been dropped by parachute in emergency. Therefore, if a worker gets here in May it will be either a miracle or a case of a parachute job. However, I'm glad one is willing to come.

I can get dental work done more cheaply & more satisfactorily in Seward than in Nome. My address, once I get off the island & out of Nome, will be as given:

Anna Martin
Seward General Hospital
Seward, Alaska